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40 YEARS OF FESTIVAL Family, Friends and Fun

A Letter from Astoria Scandinavian Festival
Association Co-chairwoman Katrina Ivanoff

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be 40 years old this year. How quickly time goes by. I have had the good fortune of being involved with the festival nearly all of my life. My entire family became involved with the organization in 1975 with help from Chairman Loran Mathews and his wife Corleen, their daughter Tara and son Wade. My sister and I started with the Astoria Nordic Viking Dancers and my parents with the association and the adult dance group. At that time, the festival was held at the old Astoria Armory. The Midsummer Pole was raised in the middle of Duane Street behind the armory. The Optog waltzed through downtown Astoria. Before the armory, the festival was held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, then located on the property that now houses the movie theater and Astoria Aquatic Center. The festival has always been absolute delight for all of one's senses – watching and listening to the coronations, the dancers, singers and musicians, tasting and smelling all the wonderful foods, viewing the wonderful crafts that have been for sale. Many years of festivals are locked away in my memories.

The festival outgrew the fairgrounds and eventually the armory, and moved to Astoria High School. It also changed from a one-day event to a full weekend of family, friends and fun. In 2000, the Scandinavian Festival moved to its new (old) home of the Clatsop County Fairgrounds at 92937 Waltuski Loop. Here you will find the Scandinavians of Clatsop County celebrating midsummer the third weekend of June. The beautiful view of the hills, fields and trees really lends itself to our celebration.

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is an all-volunteer association. It is a labor of love for all of us. Without the hard work of so many, we would not have the unique celebration of Astoria's Scandinavian heritage. To all the volunteers over the last 40 years, your efforts have brought us to where we are today. The current association would like to extend its deepest thanks to everyone who has ever been involved with the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

This year, the festival will be June 15, 16 and 17. I hope to see you all there. We look forward to celebrating 40 years of festival – family, friends and fun.



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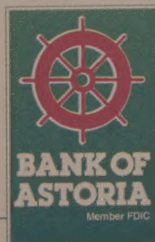
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

40th annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival
Clatsop County Fairgrounds

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2-6:30 p.m. Booths open

3 p.m.-midnight Beer Garden open with live music

5-7 p.m. Salmon Dinner by Astoria Lions Club

6 p.m. Nyt Naura, comedy show from Michigan

7 p.m. Coronation of Miss Scandinavia and program. (Indoor Arena)

Dusk Bonfire & hex burning

9 p.m.-midnight Queen's Ball with music by Jorgen, Sven and Coreen (Exhibit Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 FEATURE EVENTS

9 a.m.-7 p.m. Booths open

10 a.m. "Optog" Walking Parade (Downtown Astoria)

Noon Flag raising (Outdoor Stage)

12:30 p.m. Raising of the Midsummer Pole (Outdoor Arena)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Nyt Naura, comedy show from Michigan (Indoor Arena)

6:30-8 p.m. Magnus Martensson (Indoor Arena)

8 p.m.-midnight Dance with Paul Smith and band, with special guest emcee Manu Virtamo, Consul General of Finland in Los Angeles (Exhibit Hall)

9 p.m.-midnight Beer Garden with live music

Beer garden entertainment (opens at noon)

1-3 p.m. Vern & Jeannie Lindquist, accordion music

3-4 p.m. Hey Guys and Gals, band from Portland

4-5 p.m. Nyt Naura, comedy show from Michigan

5-7 p.m. Sven and Jorgen

7-9 p.m. To be announced

9 p.m.-midnight J.W.'s Wagon Wheel Band

INDOOR EXHIBIT HALL ENTERTAINMENT

7-10 a.m. Breakfast by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup lunch by Vasa Lodge

1-1:30 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk dancers from Seattle

1:30-2:30 p.m. Nordly's, folk dancers from Portland

3:15-4:15 p.m. Leikarringen of Portland, folk dancers

4:30-5:30 p.m. Vern & Jeannie Lindquist, accordion music

5:30-6:30 p.m. Nyt Naura, comedy show from Michigan

6:30-8 p.m. Magnus Martensson

4:30-7 p.m. Dinner by Scandinavian Café, Vancouver, Wash.

INDOOR ARENA ENTERTAINMENT

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Barnfest

1-2 p.m. Ja.m. Session

2-2:30 p.m. VASA Youth Group of Portland

2:30-3 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk dancers from Seattle

3-4 p.m. Nordly's, folk dancers from Portland

4-5 p.m. Maria Mannisto, singer and the Finlandia Foundation's "Artist of the Year"

5-6 p.m. Nordic, Viking & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

OUTDOOR STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

1-2 p.m. Nordic, Viking & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

2-2:45 p.m. Leikarringen of Portland, folk dancers

2:45-4 p.m. Parade of Native Costumes

OUTDOOR HORSE ARENA ENTERTAINMENT

1-2 p.m. Cascade Icelandic Horse Club, horse demonstration

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 FEATURE EVENTS

8:30 a.m. Troll Stroll/Run (Olney Countryside)

INDOOR EXHIBIT HALL ENTERTAINMENT

7-11 a.m. Pannukaku breakfast by the Rotary Club

11 a.m. Interdenominational Worship Service

Noon-3 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup by VASA Lodge

Noon-1 p.m. Nordic, Viking & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

1-2 p.m. Nyt Naura, comedy show from Michigan

2-3:30 p.m. Magnus Martensson

4 p.m. Closing ceremony and raffle drawing

INDOOR ARENA ENTERTAINMENT

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Barnfest

3-4 p.m. Nordic, Viking & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

OUTDOOR HORSE ARENA ENTERTAINMENT

Noon-1 p.m. Cascade Icelandic Horse Club, horse demonstration

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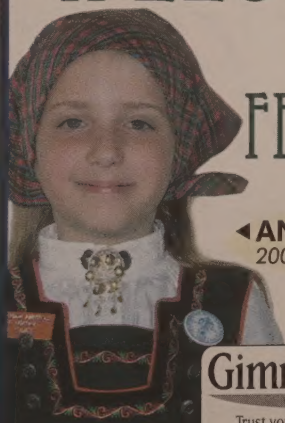


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ENTERTAINMENT

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Swedish-born comedian/musician Magnus Martensson entertains at this year's Festival.

MAGNUS MARTENSSON

Quite by accident, in November 2003, Swedish-born conductor Magnus Martensson turned into a comedian/pianist during a concert at Victor Borge Hall in New York City, in front of an enthusiastic and encouraging audience that included members of Borge's family. Since then, Martensson has appeared in Los Angeles, New York and Buffalo, and critics have called his act both "hilarious" and "clever."

Martensson wrote comedy as a lad, combining it with music and performing at school concerts. He presented a series of private comedy and music concerts in Cleveland during the 1990s, but has since been busy working as a conductor, narrowing down his comedy time to scherzo movements in symphonies. After receiving encouraging words from the daughter of late comedian/pianist Victor Borge, Martensson decided to be funny again and has since

been performing his comedy routine, combining it with conducting and multi-instrumental musical performances.

Martensson is music director of the Slee Sinfonietta and the Scandinavian Chamber Orchestra of New York, and guest conducts in Europe and South America. He has premiered more than 70 works, and has recorded for the Mode and Mindfeel labels. An active composer, Martensson's commissions have included orchestral and chamber music, songs and solo works. His one-act opera, "Before the Law," based on Kafka's work, premiered in Buffalo in 1997, while in 2004 he conducted his "Kvasir for Strings" at New York's Carnegie Hall.



NYT NAURA Music and comedy trio Nyt Naura (Now Laugh) interjects Finnish humor into their songs and skits.

Heippa Hei!

The Finnish comedy and musical troupe Nyt Naura (Now Laugh) performs comic reminiscing, hilarious folk songs and lyrics (flavored entirely in English ... accented with a dose of Finnish spice) that will tickle your funny bone. They were a big hit at the 2005 Finn Grand Fest at Marquette, Mich., and at Finn Fest '06 in Astoria.

These three Michigan Upper Peninsula "Yoopers" of Finnish ancestry have presented 34 performances. Troupe member Sherry Saarinen, a secretary for the Michigan Tech College of Engineering, resident of Quincy Hill at the top of Hancock, says she is "so excited about being invited to several states to perform." At their performance at Finn Grand Fest, 600 people at the concert gave them a standing ovation.

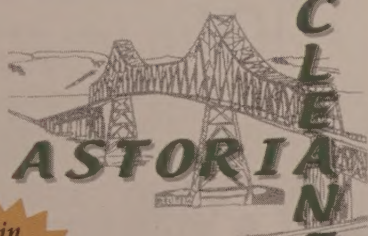
They were filmed and interviewed by Finnish reporters and TV crews. They also performed live on the WLUC-TV.com Web site with Carl Pellonpaa during a taping of the Finn Grand Fest.

In addition to their humorous lyrics, sisters Sherry and Kris are accomplished poets and have written beautiful verse for every occasion. They also wrote some of the selected verses for the opening ceremony at Lake View Arena for Finn Grand Fest, attended by more than 5,000 people.

Sherry said, "It was so moving to hear them chant the verses I wrote ... that actually was more meaningful to me than doing the skits, etc. How exciting this Finnish show biz is!"

The National Finlandia Foundation sponsored the group on their trip to Finn Fest in July where they performed at Suomi Hall and the Wet Dog Café in Astoria and put on a show in Nassele, Wash.

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RUNNING OF THE TROLLS



SUNDAY, JUNE 17

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is pleased to announce the fourth annual Running of the Trolls Run/Walk! We invite you to join us for a walk or run in the beautiful countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.

Can you tick out
the Troll in this photo?



Date: Sunday, June 17, 2007

Time: Race check-in 7-8 a.m., race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$20. Fee includes official Running of the Trolls T-shirt, entry button to festival and Sunday parking pass, and bottle of water.

Number/T-shirt/Festival button pickup: Bib number, T-shirt and festival entry button will be available at check-in on race day. T-shirts are only guaranteed for those who register by June 5.

Course: Leave from the Clatsop County Fairgrounds parking lot, follow Walluski Loop Road to Labiske Lane turnoff, turn around and follow same route back to fairgrounds. Mostly flat with one gradual hill, scenic, county road, may have possible troll sightings. 1.5-, 3- or 5.75-mile distance choice.

Parking: Available at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Please let them know you are participating in the "Running of the Trolls" when you enter the parking lot.

Awards: Overall top male and female finisher.

Late registration will be at the festival Information Booth up until race time.

RUNNING OF THE TROLLS REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out, detach and this form. (Please print)

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**SENIOR COURT
CHAPERONE**

CATHERINE ANDERSON

Senior Court Chaperone is Catherine Jean Anderson from Warrenton. Married to Roble Anderson, she has two daughters, Nicole Andergard and Jamay Larson, and a granddaughter, Issabel Andergard. Her Swedish heritage comes from her grandfather, Clarence Axel Anderson. She is involved in the Scandi Dancers of Astoria and has participated in the Little Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker" for 18 years. She loves to garden, dance and travel the world.



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MISS NORWAY

JANESSA GRAMSON

Senior Miss Norway is Janessa Ann Gramson, daughter of Julie Gramson and Aaron Junwirth. Her grandparents are Gil and Ann Gramson and John and Agatha Ysland. She is a senior at Warrenton High School and is involved in cross-country, track and field, Future Teachers of America and the National Honor Society. Her interests include attending Warrenton Christian Church, traveling and running.



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MISS FINLAND

ANGEL LEBO

Senior Miss Finland is Angel Dawn Lebo, daughter of Jerry and Noreen Lebo of Knappa. She has one brother, Jeffrey. Her grandparents are Hugo and Marilyn Carlson and Mary Olsen. Angel is a sophomore at Knappa High School and is involved in volleyball, track, basketball and talent search. Her hobbies include reading, swimming, kayaking and taking saunas.



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MISS SWEDEN

EMILY OGREN

Senior Miss Sweden is Emily Ogren, daughter of Lisa and Dave Killion of Warrenton, and the late Jon Ogren. Her grandparents are Chuck and Charlotte Bergerson. She is a senior at Warrenton High School and is involved in National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Upward Bound, volleyball and basketball. She is interested in painting, hiking and attending Bible study.



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MISS DENMARK

JESSI MEYER

Senior Miss Denmark is Jessi Anne Meyer, daughter of Sonja and Jerry Nunnally of Astoria and Todd and Mary Meyer of Bigfork, Mont. Her grandparents are Niels Jorgensen and Bernt Madsen of Astoria. She is a senior at Astoria High School and is involved in soccer, track and field, theater, fundraisers and various productions, including "Cinderella" and the musical "Working." She is interested in photography and film production, acting, sports, playing the guitar and going to the beach.



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MISS SCANDINAVIA

MAREN HOLYOAK

Serving as Miss Scandinavia this past year has been a blessing for me. I've learned more about my family history, my heritage, and I've been able to share that with so many people! Most importantly, I was able to spend the last midsummer festival with my Nana. The festival was something we looked forward to each year, and I've been so happy to have made her last time extra special! Being crowned Miss Scandinavia has kept me involved. I've spent time with this year's wonderful court, and continued to learn more of where my Finnish ancestors came from, and how they lived. I love helping to keep the Scandinavian cultures alive. . . .

I will never forget the past festival as being one of the best times of my life!



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**JUNIOR COURT
CHAPERONE**
JENNIFER DIEGO

Junior Court Chaperrone is Jennifer Diego of Astoria, and her heritage is both Danish and Swedish. Married to Ronald Diego, she enjoys firefighting, being an emergency medical technician, being a 4-H leader, singing at church and playing the oboe.



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JR. MISS NORWAY
ANNA GIMRE

Junior Miss Norway is Anna Lorraine Gimre, daughter of Deborah and Peter Gimre of Astoria. Grandparents are Dorothy and Chester Stuck, Lorraine Gimre and the late Charles Stuck and Kermit Gimre. She is in second grade at Astor Elementary School and is involved in dance, especially tap, jazz, ballet and hip-hop. She likes art, physical education, biking, camping, fishing and spending time with friends and especially her big sister, Claire.



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JR. MISS FINLAND
STACEY AHO

Junior Miss Finland is Stacey Nichole Aho, daughter of Gary and Heather Aho of Knappa. Her grandparents are George and Joanne Baker, Betty and Francis Bagley, Patsy Shows and the late Arvo Aho. She is in fourth grade at Hilda Lahti Elementary School and is involved in afterschool Bulldog activities, basketball, softball and knitting. She also likes to fish, read, bake, sew and make crafts. She especially enjoys hunting with her father.



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JR. MISS SWEDEN
KARA DOWALIBY

Junior Miss Sweden is Kara Mae Dowaliby, daughter of Todd and Dixie Dowaliby of Hammond. Grandparents are Bill and Betty Cunningham of Astoria and Mike and Sally Dowaliby of Whitefish, Mont. She is in the first grade at Warrenton Grade School and enjoys being in Ms. Hartley's class. She likes to read, do math and art, and is taking a hip hop class at Maddox Dance Studio. She sings in the children's choir at church and plays softball and other games with her sisters.



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JR. MISS DENMARK
KAITLYN LANDWEHR

Junior Miss Denmark is Kaitlyn Elizabeth Landwehr, daughter of Keith and Mindy Landwehr of Knappa. Her grandparents are Carolyn and Lowell Knapp, Fay and Don Landwehr, Lucille Johnson and Margaret Thomassen. She is in second grade at Hilda Lahti Elementary School and is involved in afterschool sports and dance team. She likes reading, riding her bike and her horse, Hank Jr. She also likes sports and playing with friends, and especially enjoys fishing with her dad and brothers.



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CROWN BEARER
JACOB OLSON

The Crown Bearer is Jacob Olson, son of Kenneth and Mary Olson of Astoria. His grandparents are Peggy and Eldred Olson of Astoria and Mollie and David Dominguez of Glenwood Springs, Colo. He is in second grade at Astor Elementary School and is involved in math. He likes to ski, swim, camp, play soccer, baseball, golf, play the piano and take part in Scandinavian dancing.



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- Viking woman figurine
- Nisse mother and child figurine
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- Danish wrought iron work with candles
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- Aarikka Tonttu with flag
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The Midsummer Festival Association would like to continue to maintain its high level of authenticity, and as a sponsor, you can help us keep Scandinavian heritage alive. Your sponsorship will allow the association to continue this unique festival, sharing our heritage and providing high quality family entertainment to our friends and families.

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What will the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association do with my support? The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be celebrating 40 years of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish heritage in the greater Astoria area. Over the years, we have grown from a one-day event to a three-day Midsummer Festival plus our November Lucia Festival Scholarship Fundraiser. Many entertainers have been brought here from the Scandinavian countries. This year, we will again be bringing quality entertainment to Astoria to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Many scholarships have been awarded to high school students by the festival association and we hope to expand our numbers.

The Association would like to continue our traditions and preserve them for future generations. With your help, we will be able to do so. The festival association strives to provide an experience for all ages. Old Country feelings run deep here. We

would like to take steps now to ensure that future generations will not forget. The festival association hopes to maintain a stable financial picture. To help us in our quest, we created our fundraising sponsorship to provide financial stability for our organization. Thank you for your time and support.

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PAST FESTIVAL PHOTOS



Top Left: In a festival tradition, men light torches and parade at dusk to a bonfire where straw hexes are burned to ward off bad luck for the coming year.

Bottom Left: Astoria's Viking-Nordic Dancers take a few spins in front of the Midsummer Pole at last year's festival.

Below: The Astoria Troll comes out from under his bridge to celebrate at every Midsummer Festival.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



2007 FESTIVAL POSTCARD

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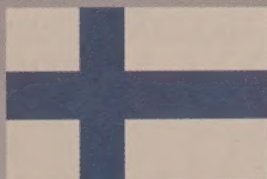


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- "Europe to the MAX" (featuring Scandinavian countries)
- "Travel the World," hosted by Rick Steves, featuring Denmark, Sweden and Norway
- "The Netherlands: Laura McKenzie's Travel Tips"
- "Uniwold's Europe River Cruises"
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PAST QUEENS

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

1968 Marjorie Yost	1987 Shari Fay
1969 Carol Johansen	1988 Saara Carlson
1970 Sirpa Perkiomaki	1989 Josie Hemeon
1971 Melissa Hill	1990 Kristen Jacobsen
1972 Rhonda Lammi	1991 Melissa Rose
1973 Judy Angberg	1992 Allea Thomas
1974 Marianne Larson (crowned)	1993 Jenny Gustafson
Linda Sjoblom (reigned)	1994 Amy Goin
1975 Karen Niemi	1995 Kerry Stevenson
1976 Kim Tinner	1996 Nilina Salo
1977 Gail Norman	1997 Jaclyn O'Bryant
1978 Tina Hess	1998 Caryn Nelson
1979 Susan Edison	1999 Amanda Caldwell
1980 Leila Koskela	2000 Brita Lynn Blair
1981 Sigrid Ness	2001 Kristin Oja
1982 Cheryl Cruzan	2002 Sara Seeborg
1983 Julie Lampa	2003 Anna Louise Henningsgaard
1984 Ann Madsen	2004 Katherine Marika Arnall
1985 Marja Leena Tila	2005 Chelsea Ogren
1986 Donna Brunner	2006 Maren Holyoak

FLAG HISTORY



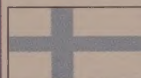
DENMARK

Denmark is not only the oldest kingdom in the world today, it also has the world's oldest flag, the Dannebrog, red with a white cross. As the oldest flag in Scandinavia, the Dannebrog provided the pattern for the other Scandinavian flags. According to legend, it descended "as a sign from heaven" in 1219, turning defeat into victory for the Danish crusaders. The Dannebrog celebrated its 750th anniversary in 1969. The Danes use every festive opportunity to fly their flags and this year's Midsummer Festival will be no exception.



SWEDEN

The Swedish flag is a yellow cross on a light blue field. There are many reasons for the Swedish flag being blue and yellow. They are the outstanding colors in the northern land. The flowers, the lakes, yellow cornfields against the blue of a summer's sky and the blue eyes and blonde hair of the girls. They are the same today as when the flag was first raised above Swedish soil.



FINLAND

Finnish heraldry dates to the 16th century. Battle flags were displayed on equal basis with the Swedish armed forces during this period. When Finland became a Grand Duchy under Russia, it was allowed the privilege of flying its own flag, similar to the present-day flag of a blue cross on a white background. The present standard was adopted in 1918 after Finland's independence from Russia. The blue signifies the sky and lakes of Finland and the white, a blanket of snow.



NORWAY

The Norwegian flag, first approved for use by merchant ships in 1821, became the national flag in 1898. The red field bears a blue cross superimposed on a broader white cross. The cross reflects Christian tradition, which began in Norway about the time the Viking period ended. Norway was united with Denmark for more than 400 years under the Danish flag, then transferred to Sweden at the end of the Napoleonic wars. Norwegians had several grievances, one of which was that they had no flag. In 1821, they decided to have their own flag.



ICELAND

The modern Icelandic flag came into existence in 1915. For Icelanders it is like a vision of their country's landscape. Of the three colors of the flag, the deep blue signifies the ocean, the red the fire, and the white the ice. The cross symbolizes the Christian faith, which the Nordic people have shared over a millennium. In the sign of the cross, the colors of the Icelandic flag united in a harmonious triad.

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